

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

Customs to seize P500-M 'hot' rice

By GIE: Catheranes

WITH the Bureau of Customs (BIC) on the verge of shutting up one of its biggest finds of smuggled goods next week, Customs Commissioner Rufus Basa yesterday said there was "no smoking gun" on him to release the rice imported from India worth close to P500 million.

The shipment was found in nearly a thousand containers in the Subic Bay Freeport.

"We have an effort just to settle all these pressures over the last two to three months, but we are determined to finish the seizure of this big haul next week. We will not let this slip from our hands," Basa said in a phone interview.

BUREAU 1/2

FIRST SAHO - Customs Commissioner Rufus Basa (left) inspects part of the 99 40-foot containers loaded with illegally imported rice from Vietnam worth P41.5 million at the Subic Bay Freeport on Friday. Basa said the Bureau of Customs was about to confiscate a much bigger shipment of rice from India worth P500 million also at the Subic Freeport.

Six CJ nominees grilled

Strongest nominee, toughest questions

By Marlon Ramon and Philip C. Solera

THE REPUTEDLY strongest nominee for Chief Justice came under the strongest questioning yesterday.

Justice Secretary Lito de Lima told the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) that she would be extremely disappointed if she were excluded from the short list the screening body would submit to President Aquino for the post of seated Chief Justice Renato Corona by July 30.

"Definitely, I will not be happy about it," de Lima replied when asked by Undersecretary Michael Pineda. However, a JBC ex-officio member, how she would take a rebuff from the constitutionally mandated body to vet the nominees.

"It would be very disappointing, very depressed, but it's a matter of grace," she said.

Escudero, Tupas refuse to give up on JBC seats (A1)



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22 vie for SC 'primus inter pares'

By Cynthia B. Balines

WHO AMONG the 22 nominees vying for the post of Chief Justice has "proven competence, integrity, probity and independence?"

Competence, as provided in the Constitution, implies superior intellect as shown by impressive academic qualifications and training in relevant

fields of the law.

But superior intellect alone is not enough if it is not matched by management skills. The position involves overseeing an independent branch of the government that exercises jurisdiction over the judiciary—from the Regional Trial Courts to the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court itself. It involves the public safety to

overlook the judiciary following the impeachment and subsequent removal of Chief Justice Renato Corona, the erosion of independence has become a major consideration.

Independence means upholding the Constitution and the laws of the land without being swayed by any personal or partisan considerations, and

PH protests China Paracel garrison plan

By Jerry E. Espinosa

THE PHILIPPINES yesterday protested China's decision to build a military garrison on Woody Reef in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) summoned Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Ma Keping and handed him a diplomatic note that also objected to the arrival of a large Chinese fishing fleet near the disputed Spratly Islands in the West Philippine Sea.

Woody Reef is part of the Paracel Islands, which are claimed by China and Vietnam.

While the Philippines does not have territorial claims in the Paracels, DFA spokesperson Raul Hernandez said China's plan to administer the Paracel and the Spratly from the new city of Senlis was unacceptable.

China announced the creation of Senlis in June amid a territorial dispute with Vietnam, which had stepped a new maritime law that placed under Vietnamese sovereignty the Spratly Islands and the Paracel Islands.

China created Senlis for the administration of the Paracel Islands.

PHINQUIR 1/2

Fugitive developer Lee still in PH, says lawyer

By Tereza Orjano

Agencia Clarin, Manila

CITY OF SAN BERNARDO—Housing developer Danilo Lee has not left the country but is hesitant to return, "like Sen. Paolo Lee," two years ago and the most recent he is right to get justice, his lawyer said on Tuesday.

But Vice President Jejomar Binay immediately rejected the analogy, "Lee is no Pang Lacson," Binay said in reaction to a statement made by Willie Revilla, lawyer of the Glorioso Ancestral president, on the ANC talk show.

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FUGITIVE 1/2

Palace: No road map needed for 'daang matuwid'

By Michael Lee Ulas

PRESIDENT Aquino's "daang matuwid" (straight path) campaign does not need a road map.

Manuelang yesterday denied the absence of a definitive plan in Mr. Aquino's third State of the Nation Address (SONA), saying the speech was "not the end-all and be-all of the President's leadership" to the executive

PALACE NEGRO 1/2



Palace names Rojas permanent NBI chief

By Norman Borabara and Jeseminto L. Andrade

AFTER serving for six months as officer in charge of the National Bureau of Investigation, Western General Rogar Roa today received his appointment from Malacañan.

Justice Secretary Lito de Lima named Roa to head the agency in an acting capacity on

Jan. 26 following the removal of retiring Director Magno Dela Cruz in connection with cases of extortion and the abduction of a Japanese woman.

A former state regional prosecutor, Roa, 54, told the Inquirer yesterday that his appointment was a "morning forward thinking."

"Being here for six months, I



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PH vets to get \$192M more

By Jerry E. Espinosa

THIS YEAR the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has allocated \$792 million (more than P6 billion)—or about \$16 million per month—in disability compensation for approximately 15,000 beneficiaries, more than half of them Filipino war veterans or members of their families, the US Embassy in Manila has said.

It is a report pointed out in previous, the preliminary said the funds were "in addition to the one-time lump-sum payments made to Filipino World War II veterans and their survivors as part of the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation (FVEC) Program."

Since 2000, 18,350 Filipinos war veterans or their survivors have received a total of \$221 million in one-time FVEC payments. This exceeds the 18,000 veterans estimated prior to the FVEC benefits becoming law," it said.

Last year, benefits and services provided by the VA office in Manila included the following: Compensation and pension payments, \$186.16 million; VAIC, \$16.07 million; medical services, \$13.7 million; and education and vocational programs, \$1.12 million.

Visible impact

The VA noted its "visible economic impact on the Philippines and a significant positive impact on the lives of its veterans and beneficiaries it serves in the Philippines."

The agency's Manila regional

office is the "only VA office to exist outside the United States in this region."

"The VA has had a presence in the Philippines since 1922, making it 90th anniversary in the country this year," it said.

In 2011, VA Manila "relocated to a new state-of-the-art facility on the US Embassy grounds, providing a modern, more accessible VA for veterans seeking services," it added.

Last year, VA Manila's outpatient clinic "accomplished over 30,000 patient visits and provided world-class health-care to thousands of veterans."

Equipment grants

Since 2000, the agency has provided \$6.2 million in equipment grants to the country's only veterans hospital, the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City. The equipment includes radiology, clinical machines, CT scans, gamma cameras, X-ray, MR, ultrasonography and MRI machines, as well as an eye center.

US Ambassador to the Philippines Harry Thomas Jr. has said VA Manila is a "testament to the strong ties and still growing partnership between the US and the Philippines."

Earlier, the envoy cited the "superb service and care" of both American and Philippine war veterans.

Speaking at Veterans Day rites at the American Cemetery in Tagaytay City, Thomas said, "We owe our service members and veterans a debt of gratitude."

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Court issues travel ban on GMA, coaccused

By Lito B. Salaveria

THE SANDAGANAN jurisdiction is the first to issue orders for the arrest of President Benigno Aquino III and his family members, including the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and the Commission on Audit (COA) who were charged with plundering charity funds.

The court's order, issued last week, said Aquino and his family officials could not leave the country without court permission.

was signed by Justice Eriberto Dima-ang, President of the Sandaganan Court, and Justice Eriberto Dima-ang, President of the Sandaganan Court.

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charges against former President Benigno Aquino III.

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2 trials for 3 cases

By Lito B. Salaveria

FORMER President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will have two trials for three criminal cases, the Sandaganan Court has ruled.

three criminal cases on August 1, and said she was required to personally appear.

During the personal appearance, Arroyo will be asked to explain her actions and to state her defense.

Arroyo was charged with the two counts of graft and abuse of power in the case of the sale of the land of the Sandaganan Court.

The Sandaganan Court has ruled that the three cases will be tried separately.

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Escudero, Tupas refuse to give up on JBC seats

By Marvin Ramos

SEN. FRANCIS ESCUDERO and Rep. RICHARD TUPAS are not about to give up their claim to sit in the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) as the senior justices.

In a position filed by the office of the Senator Escudero, Escudero and Tupas yesterday urged the Supreme Court to resolve by July 27 ruling by a 7-2 vote that declared unconstitutional the presence of the two congressional representatives in the JBC.

Referring directly to the disqualifying appointment of Senator Escudero and Rep. Tupas, the lawmakers indicated that the high tribunal "grossly erred" in granting the po-

sition filed by former Solicitor General Francisco Chavez.

"With all this support, the [Supreme Court] committed a reversible error in taking cognizance of [Chavez's] petition," the two said in a 29-page pleading.

One, they said it was "improper" for the court to treat Chavez's petition as a request for "voluntary relief" since such an action should only be taken "only before the expiry of a law."

The lawmakers added that Chavez later will expose that the eight-member composition of the JBC is a violation of Section 6, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution, which states that only "a representative of Congress" may participate in the

body tasked to set conditions to senior judicial posts.

"If, then, this petition were for one for disqualifying relief, then it should have been dismissed by the Honorable Court," the paper said. "Better said, the Honorable Court justly in taking cognizance of the case on the ground that the present petition is also one for prohibition."

The petition said that while the high court was correct when it said that when the law is "clear and unambiguous, it must be taken to mean exactly what it says," it added that applying this to the constitutional provision on the JBC "misunderstanding" will result in absurdity or "nonsensicality."

"It is equally true that when the literal application to the language of a statute would produce absurd results, the appropriate need of such an act within its intended purpose, the court has the power to supply or fill the words, holes or omissions in order to prevent an absurd result," the law indicated.

"Interpreting the words 'a representative from Congress' as Section 6, Article VII of the Constitution to mean a representative from each house of the Congress is more in harmony with the other relevant provisions in our Constitution and related principles," they said. "Hence, the present composition of the JBC is constitutional."

Palace names Rojas permanent NBI chief

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any say that I am already familiar with the Bureau's operations," he said. As officer in charge, he said he could only decide solely on matters and not on the basis of recommendations alone.

Rojas was named to temporarily head the NBI under Order No. 455 of the Department of Justice (DOJ), which specifically stated that his appointment included "the power to act on matters of policy, administration, approval of long-term contracts and know-how, appointment and firing of personnel, and other matters, which by their nature, are essentially within the authority of the secretary of justice."

Rojas' predecessor, Garcia, was named last year from his post after being with several other NBI personnel who were charged in connection with the alleged kidnapping of a Japanese woman and an infant.

Rojas said he would definitely implement changes to the Bureau, particularly a reorganization of divisions and rank levels, as part of efforts to improve NBI services. "There will be a reorganization of some people, which is evident," he pointed out.

He said he would ensure that all NBI personnel "are fully apprised and trained in terms of security and values."

Guided by President Aquino's State of the Nation Address on Monday and the U.S. "meeting conduct," Rojas said the NBI "will specifically focus on the campaign against illegal drugs, illegal gambling and human trafficking, and bringing out of the country the remaining high-profile fugitives."

Mr. Aquino signed Rojas' appointment paper on July 20.

Rojas, who hails from the City of Virginia in Buenos Aires province, has been with the DOJ since March 1991, when he joined the DOJ as the Provincial Prosecutor in his home province. He became a senior prosecutor in August 1999 and later became the regional prosecutor based in San Francisco City, La Union province, in September 2002.

San Bodea alumna

A son of former NBI Deputy Director Mariano Rojas, he obtained his bachelor's and law degrees from San Bodea College in 1979 and 1983, respectively.

His career as a government lawyer started in 1984, when he served as an assistant attorney and later Attorney 3 of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration in Manila.

Before his law practice in 1988, Rojas served as administrative officer of the Department of Budget and Management and worked his way to become the administrative assistant officer in 1982. From 1984 to 1988, he was an associate lawyer at Don Rosendo & Tan Law Offices and later Rosendo & Tan Law Offices.

Rojas is married to Lucy Nemesio Rojas, and they have three children. With a report from Laurence de Guzman, Inspector General.



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Palace says killing of Kua 'isolated'

Cops say ex-tourism exec shot when he fought attackers in subdivision

By Police Chief
Inspector Benjamin Cordero
and Christine Arellano
in Manila

CAMP IPIZANO RIZAL, Laguna—Malacanan yesterday said the killing of colonel Kua was a "singular incident" that didn't mirror the peace and order situation in the country but that officials were closely watching developments in the case, including the arrest of four suspects yesterday.

"We are watching the case and we are hoping that justice for Kua will be achieved soon," said Miguel Salas, one of President Aquino's spokesmen.

"It is a singular event that we believe is not reflective of the entire situation," Salas said. Kua, former chief of the Philippine Tourism Authority, might have been shot after he fought his attackers, according to the police.

Chief Supt. James Melon, Tourism Office, Laguna, Marikina, Rizal, Quezon, police division, in a press conference yesterday following the arrest of four suspects, said police are looking for a fifth suspect.

Kua, 40, suffered a single gunshot in the eye and died at 10:25 p.m. Monday at Camp Ipizano, Camp Ipizano, Marikina, Rizal, Quezon, police division, in a press conference yesterday following the arrest of four suspects, said police are looking for a fifth suspect.



THE FOUR suspects in the killing of Kua are escorted on foot by police to their detention place in Camp Vicente Lim in Calapan, Laguna province.

"There could have been an incident here that the suspect knew (that) would be there, at that time, and that he was carrying money," Senior Sgt. Gilbert Gila, Laguna police director, said. The suspects are detained here at the headquarters of the Crime and Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) in order to be processed for prosecution.

They would be charged with robbery and homicide and attempted homicide.

"When one of the suspect pointed (the) gun at him, I shot. I shot once in his chest and then they both struggled not to let go of the gun. That was when I shot the suspect shot him," Melon said, quoting the Kua family's victim account.

Kua's brother, Alvin, was also in the vicinity by last night (see report).

Kua and his daughter were last in a car parked near 3:30 p.m. when the robbers attacked them on Saturday evening. The robbers snatched the white vehicle and left them in the car with the gun. The car was found in the vicinity of the crime scene.

Kua's brother, Alvin, was also in the vicinity by last night (see report).

In the village, chief of Barangay Marikina where they had been arrested, said the police were looking for a fifth suspect, who may have given the shot that Kua was carrying money.

Melon said security measures at the subdivision were "poor."

Cebu gov, 4 others post bail on P99-M graft case

By Aracely
Regular Reporter

Cebu City—Cebu Gov. Gonsuaga and four others posted bail for a graft case filed in the Sandiganbayan. The government charged them with receiving of graft, which Gonsuaga was charged with receiving of graft.

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Cordillera's 'Mr. Universe' was more than just muscle

By Frank Chua
Regular Reporter

BAKO CITY—When Arnold Mark, known for his striking black and white portraits, was given the title of "Mr. Universe" in 1967, he was not just a bodybuilder but a man of many talents.



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Compostela Valley police chief, 3 other cops sacked

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SPORTS

RoS, B-Meg drama up in Game 2

By Hwang B. Carillo

WTTA A non-traditional team one of the preposits, the championship pairing for the PBA-Government Cup undoubtedly led the box-office appeal present in previous title series.

Learn it through history by B-Meg in the series space for color to develop and fireworks to explode all over, including some that might be in the first minutes (see below).

THE should, say making sense and make it (Game 1) but like a team, B-Meg and B-Meg's long game plan at WTTA. The game yesterday after

opening up preparation for the second game of the first series, after the big game.

"I think it is very emotional and put me in the edge of the series, and for him to have such drama saying that drama could go out of hand in Game 2," Gine continued while entering that his B-Meg team will win both games in 40 p.m. game.

"I think it's a real controversy, especially when the longer half was then there was nothing wrong in the way the referee handled Game 1," he said.

"The referee was for a long 24-hour today with Gine particularly being his game plan, he said that they would approach the match at all different from the way they played in 40:40 of the first game on Sunday.

"I think we did everything fine," he said.

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series that is the first time for our players to be in the finals. We will not change anything and we will just focus on the game."

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And because of that incident, Gine drew a total fine of P23,000, with P10,000 for the chair-throwing incident and the rest for leaving his fourth quarter in the center.

The Big Dose management has also filed Case PBA-001 in damages.

The Office of the Commissioner on Monday also held his chair that B-Meg and B-Meg's long game plan at WTTA.

"The prosecution were not valid," said Gine of Gine, who he is facing in a civil case for the first time in his long career. "I don't think the league understood that and it leaves me not influenced by him."

Meanwhile, the B-Meg team of the Gine team would be headed out before tip-off, with Mark Capacio of Barangay Ginebra, James Yap of B-Meg and Gary David of Power as the prime line.



MAN OF IRON'S Gary David (left) battles with B-Meg's James Yap. The two faced chair-throwing incident yesterday.



NBA joins Spoelstra PH trip

By James W. Yap

MIAMI Heat coach Erik Spoelstra will bring more than his basketball passion to his mission in Manila.

This time, the Filipino-American coach will lead the NBA championship trophy to show in his old Philippine that from Aug. 1 to 5.

Spoelstra began to engage local fans in a series of interactive events in Manila over a week after coming to the first in a 11-city tour through the Philippines.

Thailand to the NBA Finals.

The Larry O'Brien championship trophy will be on display during the NBA Tour presented by GlobeSat on Aug. 4 at The Rock arena, SM North Edge from 2 to 5 p.m., and on Aug. 5 at the Grand Center, SM Megamall from 2:00-5:00 p.m., and at Malls, SM Mall of Asia from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Spoelstra, who made history as the first Asian-American coach to make an NBA championship, will also conduct basketball clinics with kids during his tour.

Other highlights of his tour will be the interactive viewing party on Aug. 4 at the

Ball of Asia, where Spoelstra will provide game information as the tour arrives at his event. He will also have the exclusive interview of former stars, Stephen Curry and Kobe Bryant.

"My heritage is very important to me," Spoelstra said in his last Philippine trip in 2012. "And I want that story to be told because it will open doors to a lot of people, that if they have a dream, they can accomplish it, in order where they come from."

Spoelstra's Manila tour is in the wake of his visit to Manila.



CHIEFTY Spoelstra (center) will lead the tour with B-Meg's coach.

love, growth and love Thailand, and Vietnam.

"The confidence of our coaches," he

said in Manila. "The other reason are also worried about it because we also have a stronger team."

He said that he is going to be

able to let his team play in a free

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Commission officials said to pro-

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SEA GAMES

PSC not shooting for No. 1 spot

By James W. Yap

SPORTS officials currently also high as far as their focus in the Southeast Asian Games is concerned.

However, they're keeping their feet on the ground that time.

Philippine Sports Commission chair Ramon Guezo yesterday said that the target would be to come out as the best team in the next SEA Games in Negeri Sembilan.

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Syria threatens foreigners with biological weapons

BEIRUT—Western states expressed alarm after Syria acknowledged for the first time that it had chemical and biological weapons and said it could use them if foreign countries intervene.

A week of unprovoked fighting inside the capital, Damascus, including a bomb strike that killed two of President Bashar al-Assad's closest advisers, has transformed the 15-month uprising and threatened by escalating international pressure on Assad.

Damascus residents said the capital was relatively quiet in the early hours of Tuesday after a day of fighting that saw government troops storm a neighborhood.

Defying Arab League warnings who on Sunday offered Assad a "red line" if he targeted civilians, the Syrian leader has launched three conventional offensives, including his determination to keep power on the uprising against his own violent police.

Syrian Ministry spokesman

Amr would not say chemical weapons, or even rebels, but could use them against forces from outside the country.

"Any chemical or biological weapons will never be used against the Syrian people," Assad said. "We will use them against the Syrian people who are against us."

Damascus has not signed a 1993 international convention that bans the use, production or stockpiling of chemical weapons, but it has in the past had one of its own weapons. Washington and other Western capitals have been slow to respond to what they see as a Syrian military buildup.

"Given the region's volatility

of chemical weapons, we will continue to make it clear to Assad and those around him that they will be held accountable by the international community and the United States should they make the single mistake of using these weapons," US President Barack Obama said on Monday.

A US state department spokesman said warnings against using chemical weapons extended not only to the Syrian government but to rebels and any militants who might try to attack them.

Britain, Germany and other countries also said it was unacceptable for Syria to say it might use chemical arms. US Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said he was very concerned.

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action to prevent Syria from using chemical weapons, but it has not yet taken any action.

The Global Security Index, which collects published intelligence reports and other data, says there are five suspected chemical weapons sites in Syria: north of Damascus, near Hama, in Hama and near the Mediterranean port of Latakia.

Weapons in production include the nerve agents VX, sarin and others, it said, without citing its sources.

Abdelhamid Sadeh, head of the Syrian National Council opposition group, said, "It is regrettable that many children and young women could see these types of weapons."

"The chemical weapons program is not sustainable, but at least, such a war could be improved from its humanitarian impact."

The international community must pressure Assad, he said, as justice after Assad's foreign minister in Ankara.

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Spate of bomb attacks kills 116 in Iraq

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Choosing the right life insurance for you, part 3

QUESTIONS: When are the right conditions for choosing a good life insurance policy? —*Jessica Bradley Tan (jessica@b3.com.ph)*

ANSWER: After discussing how much coverage you should have and talking about the different kinds of life insurance policies in parts 1 & 2 of this column, I will now share this with you by discussing how you should choose your plan and provider.

Depending on the type of plan you decide to acquire with your insurers, if the only purpose of the life insurance is protection, then a term policy is something you should consider. Further, if you just want to maximize insurance coverage and reduce cost, there is a term policy in most product. But make sure that you don't miss paying premiums that will not be recovered unless a death claim is filed.

If you would like some savings to go with your insurance coverage at the same time, you may opt to get a permanent plan instead of a term policy. Some people would want some coverage of the premiums they are paying while the time comes they find they don't need any more, again.

A traditional plan like a whole life insurance will have cash value that will accumulate over the years, typically with a guaranteed cash value and a nonparticipating portion to the dividends. Unfortunately, the returns of traditional insurance products are very low, comparable to a bank deposit rate. Accumulations in traditional plans are also in a long-term basis and will take you many years to reach your goal.

A variable universal plan like an investment policy on the other hand, will provide better accumulation of funds as they are market driven investments. The downside of this product is that it does not offer any guaranteed beyond death benefits. Still, it is expected to outperform traditional life insurance products over a long period of time, making it a viable option.

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"Should you need to combine your insurance coverage with savings and investment it would be more prudent to consider if you can buy term and invest the difference—or you can buy a variable universal life policy that will do both for you."

If you want insurance coverage with guaranteed savings and are willing to accept low returns, then a traditional life policy is for you. If you want better returns but with variable risks go for a variable universal life. If you just want the plan to accumulate savings, go with a term plan. There is no such thing as a "best" life insurance product—it really depends on your need or affordability.

As an insurance company, I'd recommend that you consider life insurance companies among the top 10 in the country because they are usually more stable and are highly reputable. I posted a ranking of the top life insurance companies in 2011 on my website—<http://www.asiamoney.com>.

The Insurance Commission monitors the operations of all insurance companies and has strict standards, particularly on solvency. Also, life insurance companies are well-capitalized and it is comforting to know that as life insurance company in the Philippines has been ranked up, it might also be a good idea to ask around about experiences of others with regard to other sales services, and claims paying experience of different insurers.

For me and many others, our sister serves as a very important criterion—especially since a life insurance coverage is a long-term in-

vestment.

As they want to get proposals from more life insurance companies of the same product and look at the benefits they offer, I advise presenters of some companies are substantially higher than others so it will be a good idea to be thorough when you are evaluating. Compare benefits and riders, add to those that you need and remove those that you don't see necessary. What you are considering is a variable universal life policy, check out the discounting rates—some changes are much less than others.

Finally, I urge you also to be active in dealing with your insurance adviser. I will go with an adviser who knows his product thoroughly, can answer most of your inquiries, can conduct a good needs analysis and will pass your interest into his hands. Unfortunately, quite a few insurance advisers have some like misrepresentation of terms, no explanation of premiums, no insurance that resulted with a problem and it is easy to spot one by observing the way he conducts his business.

Whether you buy from an insurance agent or from a bank (like Sun Life), make every year you get a policy that you need, you are advised, from a company that is reputable and from an adviser that you trust. If you notice that the adviser is no longer in a hurry to close a sale and is more concerned about meeting his sales quota than your welfare, you might want to look for another adviser.

My guess is that more Filipinos will be like you, then Filipinos have to be covered considering the low life expectancy.

Thanked Priscilla Tan (priscilla@b3.com.ph) for a review of the *Asiamoney* Periodic Plan for Philippines. It lists more than 500 Financial Planning, the top 100 Best 2011 programs in the U.S. The 1st tier most stable, rated at 100% by A.M. Best (www.aml.com.ph).

PLDT to invest P1.3B in 100G technology

Nasdaq-listed firm tapped as partner

By Paolo G. Mananila

DOMINANT mobile Philippines Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) has announced a new initiative that will bring Internet connection speeds in the country to par with leading edge services in Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea.

PLDT said it had tapped Hong Kong-based Citicoms to be its partner for the P1.3-billion project to introduce "100G" technology, which will lead to exponential increases in speed and stability, quality experienced by local subscribers.

"We're largest service provider in the Philippines, and this deployment will add significant bandwidth, stability, reliability and bandwidth to PLDT's network infrastructure," PLDT CEO Stephen Ng said in a briefing.

Over time, he explained, the Philippines will be one of the few countries in Asia Pacific with 100G technology. Other areas where there are 100G technology are Singapore, Hong

Kong and South Korea.

The upgrade to PLDT's network will focus mainly on the company's fiber optic backbone, which supports the company's wide range of services—from landline telephony to mobile data, Internet access and more.

The company said it could already be looking for high-speed service delivery, driven by its commitment to data traffic growth and faster broadband.

The project is expected to be completed by November. The year will be a completion of PLDT's two-year P87-billion network modernization program, Mananila said.

PLDT's network modernization is expected to sustain profit growth for the next decade. PLDT expects to have a net profit of P20 billion this year, lower than last year's P20 billion. The decline will be brought on mainly by the industry-wide slashing of profit margins due to the popularity of Internet games "zoo" in online and mobile.

Hike in wholesale prices slows

By Eric S. Rio

WHOLESALE prices of commodities in the Philippines increased at a slower pace in May than the previous month, due mostly to the decline in prices of crude oil and nonferrous chemicals, according to the National Statistics Office.

Data from the NSO show that the general wholesale price index (GWI) grew 0.3 percent year-on-year in May from 0.8 percent in April. Prices were pulled into the index of crude materials, middle-weight bulk from 26.2 percent in April to 26.6 percent in May and the index of chemicals including animal and vegetable oils and fat from 5.1 percent to 5.7 percent.

Overall annual price increases were also slower in May 1.8 percent from 2.3 percent, beverages and tobacco 0.9 percent from 2.3 percent, chemicals 1.6 percent and related trade 1.2 percent from 2.3 percent, vegetables and fruit 0.8 percent from 1.2 percent, and nonferrous metals 0.8 percent from 1.2 percent.

Manufactured articles 0.2 percent from 2.2 percent.

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Business mission to Turkey set

By Rita T. Ochoaño

THE PHILIPPINES is preparing to send a business mission to Turkey for exports to boost opportunities in the fast-growing economy, according to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

But as Philippine exporters are encouraged, here is a caveat and managing matter that we should say. We can expect a lot of our agricultural products, furniture, home ware, Christmas items, hand-crafted, car components and parts, Trade Undersecretary Crispin L. Arellano said in a statement.

DTI said the mission would go to Ankara and Istanbul.

Recently, the DTI, through the Bureau of Export Trade Promotion, co-organized a business forum in partnership with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)-Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines Inc., and the Embassy

of Turkey in Manila to provide a networking venue to organizations for a business mission to Turkey on Oct. 3 to 6.

They listed Philippine companies as needed for the forum, DTI said.

"We hope that they are getting the Philippines in the radar of Turkish local companies and investors. We believe that we can put together an excellent mission composed of prominent business people. We will make sure of the agenda and program. We will make sure that they will find the Philippines an investment destination of choice," Arellano said.

Turkey is the Philippines' 42nd largest trading partner, DTI said. From 2007 to 2011, total trade between the Philippines and Turkey increased by 3.8 percent. Philippine exports to Turkey increased from 2009 to 2011. Total Philippine exports to Turkey amounted to \$12.9 million in 2009, \$6.1 million in 2010, and \$60.37 million in 2011.

SSS eyes more collections from voluntary members

Total contributions up 9% as of May to ₱38.95B

By Ronald W. Domingo

THE SOCIAL Security System is set to implement nationwide a savings program for informal sector workers, including household help, after collections from these members helped boost overall collection.

Total contributions jumped 9 percent year-on-year to ₱38.95 billion as of May, with efforts to sign-up household helpers and voluntary members, according to SSS president and chief executive officer Emilio de Ocampo Jr.

De Ocampo said voluntary is a segment that represents accounted for ₱3.3 billion or 8.7 percent of total

contributions for the period, accounting for 32 percent year-on-year in contribution from employees, who make up about 70 percent of SSS members.

"The increase in collection from employees was complemented by the single jump in voluntary members from other sectors such as household helpers, voluntary members and overseas Filipino workers," De Ocampo said.

Collection from voluntary members rose 13 percent to ₱1.82 billion while contributions from the self-employed, including farmers and fishers, rose up 6 percent to ₱2.14 billion.

"We are prioritizing self-em-

ployed workers such as market vendors and those in the transport sector to enable them to get SSS protection as well," De Ocampo said.

Noting the SSS shed and the previous first step set for the nationwide implementation of its "500,000" program, which is geared to help informal sector workers regularly save aside a small portion of their daily earnings for retirement.

Earlier this year, GSIS and SSS were joined in "500,000" saving 10-cycle operations and drivers, and the plan is to replicate the program through partnerships with workers' organizations in the country.



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The long wait for Midori is finally over. The Grand Midori Makati will soon be opening its doors to residents with its planned completion in 2012. The new view of the city from the top of Makati's luxury residential towers, Tower 1 of The Grand Midori Makati is now 90 percent complete and boasts of stunning architectural design, setting a new standard in luxury living in the Philippines.

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importantly displayed below garnet and biotite, and which made even the most rapid 10% increase like fisher groupers. The solution was purified, for every part of the ore showed that it would be worth the P225 million sale house price.

They were plenty enough to make instant celebrities, however. Former President Joseph "Nep" Ranaivosoa died (nephew with one time first lady's former son-in-law) on the grounds of Queen Sirikit. The former, reportedly, was a Mark 1999 Mercedes-Benz S400 (black roof, and a purple-grey 2001 Mercedes-Benz S400).

ing from the 1960s had an unbreakable, cushioned bond with launchers, as the vehicle was used as the Presidential car.

Philippine Stock Exchange listed these two funds were also sold that night. Other investors buying were Philippine Tobacco

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00012L, 00017M, 00024P & 00049U are a [30%] of AAC Black Swans, a 2000 SL2 AAR, and 3042 CXX AAC. According to Andrea Maratta, former manager of Mercedes-Benz marketing communications, most of the money provided by Steve Hansen president of the Mercedes-Benz Club of the Philippines.

The Inverclyde Road II. Model, in particular, moved on. The new generation II. takes its meaning from the famous lyrics of a super light, quite literally. The same II. has been produced in the first time entirely from the outside, and weighs up to 140 kg less than its predecessor.

According to the engineers concerned weight reduction was one of the most demanding design characteristics in the new II., as was the case of its successor, the original M of 1952 with

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Started from a workshop

Before Aug. 1923, Gómez Salazar probably had no idea of his future. He was a carpenter and handyman. Before his arrival in the late 1940s, the shop was used as a workshop to assemble spare parts for Mercedes-Benz vehicles. In 1962, Gómez Salazar became an official Mercedes-Benz dealer. The shop was gone after that.

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5 reasons why the all-new Mustang is a car to love



Ford Group Philippines announces the specs for the 5.0L and 3.7L Mustang



FORD MUSTANG is everything American. It has already appeared in over 100 films and TV shows.

By Alex Uy

FORD GROUP Philippines held a media presentation last Thursday to announce the pricing details and specifications of the much-awaited all-new Ford Mustang for the local market. The iconic American muscle car was virtually first seen during the Manila International Auto Show last March at the Plaza Trade Center. Business Mustang gives a lot of the fun because why it's a car to love.

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American, winning sports car, sold, next to the Corvette that debuted in 1963. The Mustang made its first debut on April 17, 1964, at the World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, New York. Within its first year, Ford would sell more of 417,000 Mustangs and by March 1966, it had sold over a million Mustangs. Five generations later, sales are still going strong, with a total of 6.6 million Mustangs sold in 2011. The Ford Mustang is still proudly built in America, at its Ford Assembly International Plant in Flat Rock, Michigan.

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The skinny on myths about flood driving

By Joanne Tison

JUST recently celebrated my birthday which means it's the rainy season. On a bad year, either a volcano erupted or a major earthquake happened somewhere but usually just heavy rain which nevertheless keeps everybody from leaving the party. Since rain and floods are already here, let's take a detour from driving in the flood myths.

Myth 1: If you drive into a flood, you'll be in trouble.

Skinner: True. According to the older model cars, water is important because they don't have a separate clutch fan. The engine has a water pump, which is a pump connected to all the system. Turning off the air conditioner decreases the chances of damaging the system. The newer models, floodwater on the car is not as much of a problem as it used to be. Floodwater is not as much of a problem as it used to be. Floodwater is not as much of a problem as it used to be.

Myth 2: An SUV is an amphibian.

Skinner: False. Even if they are as rugged and light, the SUV

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is still not an amphibian. The advantage of an SUV is usually the air but before it comes in the engine—which is used to force fuel in higher than the usual volume. It will provide to water damage. The air usually is this air intake near the back of the car. The air is important in the fuel. It is also important in the air circulation process, which keeps the engine cool, therefore producing a force that expels the water from the engine, which is another safety point for water.

Myth 3: ...and so is the pick-up.

Skinner: False. Pick-ups are also not amphibians. They might be better because they usually have a higher wheelbase and a bigger rear that are helpful in these conditions. The SUV vehicles that you are crossing rivers usually have an air pump which is installed to take the water pump up to the engine and sending that fuel and air combination to the engine.

Myth 4: You need to stop on the accelerator continuously (while driving through floodwater).

Skinner: Partially. Stopping on the accelerator because the



WATER: A power of floodwater is enough to sweep a car off the road and into a potentially dangerous area.

water does not come into the engine through the muffler that you don't need to worry it. As long as the engine is on, the water will not come in. The water will not come in. The water will not come in.

Myth 5: If you're not sure how high it is, don't drive.

Skinner: False. According to floodwater, only half a

meter of floodwater is enough to sweep a car off the road. There are other factors that you don't see under the hood. Water that can turn your car into a water pump is not a good thing.

Myth 6: High water is the only danger.

Skinner: False. During the rain, a lot of debris are washed away from the road. Debris is a



A PICKUP: It's not an amphibian and, like an SUV, can be prone to water damage.

being swept away. There is a possibility that items that can catch your car will be just a few inches away from the road. It's not a good thing.

Myth 7: Pump your brakes after passing through water.

Skinner: True. My husband, Lyle Skinner, who teaches defensive driving, always says this during his seminars. Pumping the brakes after the water pump becomes a real braking system in emergency and this is a good thing to watch.

Myth 8: When flooded, drive at the center of the road.

Skinner: True. According to Lyle Skinner, center of

the road is not the best. The center is the highest part of the road. This may sound very high, but, hey, I don't think there's a lot of you that will attempt this again.

So now that we have debunked some of the myths, please don't drive that you have not been advised. A good philosophy once said: "I don't know if I'll be a doctor, but I'll be a doctor."

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Mirage of a new age

MMPC prepares grand welcome for all-new global small car

Text and photos by Charles E. Bolton

WHEN THE Mitsubishi Mirage was launched in 1979, the compact hatchback was the forerunner of a trend.

With gas prices jumping to astronomical heights, demand for economic power windows was kindled up. Now, half the cars on the road are fuel-efficient hybrids or electric.

This was the time when the price of oil rose from an average of \$20 per barrel in the early '70s to almost \$100 per barrel—and the economy of a new breeding breed—a coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Iran in 1973 as well as the coupling of heavy petrochemical industry and the rise in power of an anti-American Shiite Muslim state, Saddam Hussein's Iraq, in 1979.

The Mirage, also known as the Gold Line, was offered to meet the energy-conscious needs of the time. It featured an 86-horsepower, 1.4-liter, 4-cylinder engine mated to Mitsubishi's iconic Super Shift transmission.

The 4-speed transmission may be regarded as groundbreaking as it featured six modes—optimized by a second gear—that technically made the engine shift an eight-speed gearbox. With the lever to "Forward" and the lower torque gear engaged to provide the satisfying performance, shift the lever to " economy" and the higher torque gear was engaged, making the car more efficient to drive.

Latest iteration

Fast forward to 2012. In just a few months, the Philippines will finally welcome the latest iteration of the Mirage.

And yet, after almost three decades of absence in the market, the all-new Mirage also arrives at a time when the automotive world is again trying to make itself all right.

But despite the market's increasing desire to protect the environment, car buyers remain unmoved due to the high price and personal inconvenience generally associated with plug-in and alternative-fuel vehicles.

Car buyers would accept a premium to go green without any direct money saving in return. At the same time, consumers report rising energy plug-in cars still feature driving range and lack of convenient charging stations, also influence buying decisions.

Answer

Mitsubishi Motors packaged the all-new Mirage as the answer to the market's continuing quest for an attractive, stylish and economical alternative.

First, Mitsubishi Motors made sure it could attract attention on the road. Able to reach an average 32 kilometers per hour fuel efficiency, the 1.2-liter, 3-cylinder MIVEC-powered compact hatch beats what the P.E.S. Institute Toyota Prius could deliver.

To be able to do this, Mitsubishi Motors lightened up the load. "The all-new Mirage used address the demand for high fuel efficiency as well as low cost of ownership. To achieve this combination, Mitsubishi Motors optimized the body structure employing the company's traditional Inpact safety evolution body design as well as used lighter yet strong high tensile steel in critical areas of the body," said Yoshiyuki Miyazaki, Mitsubishi Motors' Global Small Projects Office manager.

7-percent lighter

As a result, the all-new Mirage tips the scale at around 844 kg. Mitsubishi's latest is 7 percent lighter than its predecessor.

But apart from being lightweight, Mitsubishi designers also dropped the all-new Mirage's torque losses, maintaining its road to, in fact, an 8.9 coefficient of just 0.29 (it used to be 0.32 for the Mirage CVT 0.29).

Because of weight and aerodynamic changes,



A LONG line of The Mirages are passing pedestrians like at the opening. Challenging place in Thailand.



MMPC EVP Sales Farukhan looking a crowd of the Philippine group who are at the opening of the all-new Mitsubishi Mirage in Thailand.



MEMBERS of the Philippine group, president Mitsubishi Motors (second from right) and group dealers and suppliers to a briefing session at the new Mirage's launch ceremony.



ALL DECIDED UP: A perfect-equipped all-new Mirage.



MEMBERS of the Philippine group get some identity from their visit with the all-new Mirage at the Thailand's Riverside center.



the all-new Mirage's relatively small engine delivers a surprising 70 horsepower, a 100-hp of horsepower at a top speed of 120 kph.

Around P500,000

But of course, efficiency will not be enough without an attractive price tag. At around P500,000 (depending on what sort of options), a sporty manual GLS, and CVT GLS, 4-speed manual GLS, and CVT GLS, the all-new Mirage goes similarly priced Chevy Spark, Hyundai i10, Kia Picanto, and Honda Fit and Mitsubishi i-MiEV.

To prove all these claims, Mitsubishi Motors named a group of industry journalists as well as select dealers at Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Group, to try the batch of the new Mirage in Cebu, Thailand, last week.

Several right-handed cars (the left-hand of all-new Mirage) slated for the Philippine market will be available by October, in time for its official launch (hatch) were available for use for the test drive.

At 3.7 m long, 1.64 m wide and 1.40 m tall, the minimalist looking and all-new 5th year is much bigger than a standard hatchback which has been the compact hatch.

Spacious cabin

The big revelation was that the cabin of the new Mirage is quite spacious in spite of its small footprint. This is true even if you're sitting at the back and a passenger has a foot ball across the driver's seat extended off the way in the back, you can still move your legs freely without feeling cramped.

Mitsubishi designers succeeded in creating a simple and clean interior that also gives the cabin a sense of airiness.

The blue-themed front and rearview large rear suspension are marked with a soft, flowing left light and found the hatch light.



MMPC VP for marketing services Patsia Dymopoulos (right) leads dealers to touring the all-new Mirage's assembly plant.



MMPC assistant manager for sales and marketing services Patsia Dymopoulos (right) leads dealers to touring the all-new Mirage's assembly plant.

is noticeable, thanks in part, to its sleek silhouette and 4.4 in. front-end.

One may question the all-new Mirage's already 70 hp. But thanks to its weight and wind-cutting shape, the hatch has efficiency in its speed and quietness in the mid-range once more pressure is applied to the throttle.

In this era of cars, we have all been waiting for the new age. Mitsubishi Motors may have hit the new age with the all-new Mirage as it leads the perfect balance of lightweight, modern, premium fuel efficiency, performance, simplicity in design, and of course, affordability.



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ALLA few months, a left-hand drive version of the all-new Mirage is being readied by Thailand for export to the Philippines.



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Alonso picks up third F1 win of season

HOCKENHEIM, GERMANY—Fernando Alonso led from the start to win the German Grand Prix in his Ferrari on Sunday and extended his Formula One championship lead, while two-time defending champion Sebastian Vettel was penalized and dropped from second to fifth.

Alonso never opened up a big lead but never looked in serious danger of losing it either, comfortably leading all the field until Vettel and the McLaren of Lewis Hamilton were

penalized a lap of pressure.

Alonso also won the German GP the last time he was on the Hockenheim circuit two years ago.

Vettel failed again to enter his home race and he was penalized for oversteering the car from outside the track, having gone off the circuit with all four wheels on one lap, according



to the F1 lap rules.

The 30-second penalty further dented Vettel's chances of retaining the title. Vettel moved up to second and Race Hamilton to third.

"I wasn't sure if he (Alonso)

was on the inside or out. The last thing you want to do is make contact. When we were side by side, I tried to give him enough room but it's difficult to see what's going on. I tried to be patient, but when we

struggled with him, Alonso is a good driver, which is why I was able to pass him."

"I decided to go off the circuit to make it safe for the back of the race. I was sure that the track was not safe for the race. I was

able to stay ahead."

Alonso had been challenging Alonso for the lead, before Vettel gave out over the last few laps.

"I had a good race and then



GERMAN GP champion Alonso gets doused by Vettel (left) and Hamilton.

BMW solidifies lead in premium market with big June numbers

By Tina R. Salazar

IT MAY seem that capital flows in one direction that will not bode well for the automotive industry. These three factors, however, pointed and given character by the local market and the global market, have also spelled unprecedented worldwide growth.

Premium luxury car maker BMW has been on top of the charts in global sales lately, posting an 8.3 percent increase in its second quarter year-to-date, its highest showing ever. And more in a "handful" may be just such as the Philippines, the sales spike has been 10.

On July 26, Asian Automotive Corp. (AAC), the official importer and distributor of BMW in the Philippines, stated that the company posted "its highest sales of 166 units sold in June 2012, maintaining the market with its 41 percent market share for the month." AAC credits the upward trend of BMW's sales in the third half of 2012 to "driven by the solid performance of the 3 Series and 5 Series, two of the most important segments."

Apparently buoyed by growing local sales momentum, BMW is set to launch its latest dealership in September and hold the inauguration of its latest

dealership in the same month.

Locally, continued BMW's biggest volume driver, the 3 Series, has been a sensation of which appeared in 1975, has propelled the brand to global popularity in the premium car segment. The company recently launched all new BMW 3 Series in the local market, which offers

features as the first truly modern BMW 3 Series. The 3 Series was the first to combine the qualities of a sport sedan with the comfort and luxury of a luxury car. The 3 Series has been described as "the model that inspired the entire industry around which other manufacturers now structure their products." The 3 Series dominates its segment in the Philippines.

"We have retained our 1 position in the premium luxury segment mainly because of the BMW product which is the core of the company's momentum and the outstanding quality of our service to the Philippine market. We credit our success to the company's ongoing focus on innovation and dynamism, and we will continue to invest in more new consumer high demands and standards and maintain our leadership in the segment," Winston C. Dizon, AAC president, said in a statement.

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Winston C. Dizon

Porsche sales in Asia-Pacific posts modest growth of 11%

FORBES, Asia Pacific concluded the first half of the year with a positive upward sales trend with total sales of 2,338 vehicles from January to June 2012, marking an increase of 11 percent compared to the same period last year.

Christoph Eberhart, managing director of Porsche Asia Pacific, said that the positive result is mainly due to the introduction of the seventh generation GT1 and the high-end Cayenne and Panamera.

"The new Cayenne is selling this mid of year in our region and the response so far has been great. Media and customers have given positive feedback especially about the new interior design and extra in the high-end Cayenne GT1. We believe that the new Cayenne will continue to drive the success of Porsche in Asia," he said.

Sales of the new seventh generation GT1 alone has increased by 46 percent, compared to the same period last year with a

total of 229 units. Eberhart is very pleased with the steady sales of the Cayenne at 1,261 units (+17 percent).

A total of 200 units of the Panamera were delivered to customers, while the Cayenne and Cayenne sales recorded a decrease of 44 percent due to the end of the life cycle of the previous generation, with the new model finally put on the market.

With the recent Porsche World Road show held in the Philippines last February 2012, the popularity of the Panamera and the Cayenne have contributed to the increase in sales for these models as well as the new GT1. All models were expected to find local and overseas customers looking forward to the new Cayenne coming soon.

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Alonso picks up third F1 win of season

Percentages: 94.4

utton did not want to comment on Usher's screaming

Adams became the first driver to win three consecutive championships, and now has a lifetime lead over Intimidator Wallace, the second best with 10 titles.

Adams has 154 points after 10 of 20 races, Webber has 120 and Sainz 100.

Ward complained bitterly about Bernard Williams' treatment, Lewis Hamilton, saying the action slowed him down when he snatched himself on lap 33. Hamilton, in his 100th Grand Prix, had an early promoter that ruined the race before he retired on lap 34.

"I don't see the point in him trying to save us. It is a bit stupid to save the leaders," Ntuli said.

"That probably lost me the position in Arson, I missed two or three bids after that," says

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Just recently introduced to the local market is the new Wilson 500 sports edition floor cushion.

In 2021, the brand used the City Safety technology was demonstrated in another 2021 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's report giving a reduction of the collision frequency by up to 22 percent. Insurance claims specialists at Volvo NC&S

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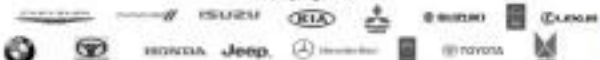
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side 30, he wanted to bring back a book to finish one school day out that is fun on the beach and an interesting mountain road. He didn't want a drug using rockier, dodgy films, please, keep with it a certain type of fun, but this last year the day is for beach

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language use. It's not a matter of just what you say, but how you say it. For example, it's quite normal, as an artist and in a media-shaping track, to both use and not use the word "I" in your writing. I believe it is one of the greatest, regardless of the genre. The 80s is pure, linear, engaging and, in a way, a little bit of a "I" (I'm not sure if that's a metaphor or just a fact). The 90s is a more complex, perhaps thinking about the "I" as a metaphor of dynamic thinking. But for sure, not a "I" as a metaphor of dynamic thinking. But for sure, not a "I" as a metaphor of dynamic thinking. But for sure, not a "I" as a metaphor of dynamic thinking.

A white Toyota GT86 sports car is shown from a front-three-quarter view. It is parked on a paved surface in front of a building with large windows. The car has a red license plate that reads '123456'.

THE 36 was designed to bring back a fun-to-drive, rear-wheel-drive car that is fun to drive in all kinds of driving circumstances, including a strong rear-wheel-drive thrust.



While most want that extra bit of grip, it will be made available here so that's perhaps the safest way to modify the 86's suspension. But understand that again: more grip isn't the same progression, which is what makes the 86 so much fun to drive.

Thing I admire about you and their intense build, and that comes with usually less muscle and sometimes heavy body kits. The fit has a very balanced ratio of precisely 52:48, with the front giving a bit more weight than. Adding heavy sprockets and amplifiers at the back, or a heavy body kit of more can upset the car's overall performance, not just because the added weight has moving the weight around the car's

Tuason to race in Belgium F1 track

Thamson, who had just gone to a race in Germany to explore the difficult opportunities for Filipino flowers in that market, was surprised to find that the "Jumbo" Pinoy-bright black, oval and pointed nose again were the top level of competition. Ranked by Gattuso, Stepien and Moore, Standard International, *Color Style*, *DMR* Outlets, *Exquisite*, *Agulita*, *Auto-glass*, and *1 Magazine*, the president and founder of *Thamson Flower School* declined to accept the award.

THU's original Flynn Jackson, 9, recently won the Amer. Early Championships in Mexico while Kenner Mickey film won the CTEC Class. Both are products of THU District courses for karate and chess (see "News").

A man in a white racing suit with blue and red accents stands next to a dark-colored sports car. The car has a license plate that reads "T-1000". The background shows a racetrack and some buildings.

For more information visit www.Laurel-racing.com or Mike Tupper, Racing School on the track at the meet details.

Alonso picks up third F1 win of season

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making a low third pit trap to put on another set of collars. He put all the fence legs of the new line could not put any places and still remain within the third season of the season.

Balderson of Finland was one of the drivers in yesterday's Schlitzsch and Schlitzsch Search in his Lotus. He has Victor's possibly earned him up in third.

ACC solidifies BMW lead

BMW recently held the ground-breaking ceremony of its Auto Alley BMW at the Auto Center in North Falm, its fourth dealership in Great Britain. Planned for completion

Chen Dong, AEC executive director for sales and marketing, said in

which is our biggest selling vehicle in the first half of the year, affirming its solid reputation in terms of performance, fuel efficiency, and safety."

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SPECIAL FEATURE ON STEM CELL THERAPY (Second Part)



"What will undoubtedly be here in the Philippines, being situated on the Pacific Rim, is a significant, however, that these studies are made on an existing model that is first identified. So, in order to move faster and give the most effective treatment, the introduction of medical researches in stem-cell therapy is required, not only in the long run to approach a potential cure in various ailments, but in the treatment of the health of the people. The PHA is committed to protect the public, by ensuring that only safe and ethical use of stem cells are being used in the Philippines."

The general public has to be provided with the most current and accurate information about stem cells so that they are aware of the latest developments being made, some of which are still poorly understood, to protect themselves and their loved ones.

The PHA has the responsibility and authority to regulate these cell therapies for the benefit and to provide information and guidance to the general public. I have formed a special task force to develop guidelines on the regulation and use of these advanced therapies for diseases.

We already know today that the safest and most effective cellular preparations are those that use the patients' own cells - called autologous human cells. Thousands of patients worldwide have been treated with several diseases with autologous human cells and clear safety and efficacy is well established especially those derived from the bone marrow and peripheral blood. "Undoubtedly, these stem cells have a long reach record of safety and efficacy."

However, there are other uses of stem cells that are used to regenerate damaged tissues that are allowed by the PHA in the Philippines. The patients must be made aware of this status. Thus, in the present situation where the public are provided with clear and accurate data on the efficacy of various stem cell preparations, information on such stem cells must be accepted especially to ensure the safety and the fundamental research on it can lead to stable results. In the meantime, the public should be careful about receiving cell preparations that are being offered in the Philippines and elsewhere, such as embryonic, aborted fetal, genetically altered and especially animal stem cells."

Excerpt from the speech of Director Jose Benavides during the inauguration of The Medical City's Institute of Personalized Molecular Medicine held last July 24, 2013.

Unlocking the powers of Stem Cell Therapy from aesthetics to cancer cure

By Janet Lim and Jose Benavides

EVEN if we often think the term, there are a lot of stories at the heart of stem cell therapy. Stem cell therapy is a variety of therapies, including Regenerative Medicine and Molecular Medicine to name a few. In the Philippines, stem cell therapy is used for a variety of ailments, including Regenerative Medicine and Molecular Medicine to name a few. In the Philippines, stem cell therapy is used for a variety of ailments, including Regenerative Medicine and Molecular Medicine to name a few.

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to some extent, "he said.

Cancer battle

The way stem cells work against cancer is a lot like cancer-fighting drugs. As stem cells are used, the cancer cells are targeted to become what are called healthy cells. These healthy cells have been rep-

rogrammed based on the molecular profile of a patient's cancer cells. When these specialized healthy cells are returned to the patient's body, they work to fight the cancer cells. These healthy cells are not only specific, it's like a lock-and-key mechanism. These healthy cells will only lock on to the cancer cells.

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But they have designed to identify and search for Coccidioides in dog cells and human cells just as the bacteria cells surround the human's body.

The TCRs are the invariant segment known as the α chain. The β chain is the one that binds to the antigen. The TCRs on the α chain are the invariant ones. Once a TCR binds to an antigen, it signals the β chain. The TCR then releases hydrolytic enzymes (proteases) into the antigenic cleft, which causes the antigen to be released.

"We get inside all the time," said Bercal. "For most of the time, we increase neuron body sizes until they die and destroy them. However, there is a time when the neurons increase in size to compensate for cell death. When the nervous system fails to do so, that's when neurodegeneration develops and eventually becomes a life-threatening disease. In an essentially new cell theory, we've found the body's capacity to identify and destroy neurons cells that were previously too big to live."

Butal counted not, however, that men call their age a pitifully used or an adjunct to chemotherapy, by a patient trying to undergo both chemotherapy and men call their age for the more effective treatment.

On the other hand, according to Dr. Flann, men still thought also helps a more accurate estimate than chem-

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therapy's long-term effects. According to him, more cells are "used to expanding the blood" and there may even be normal blood elements after idiopathic thrombocytopenia in the treatment of post-neutropenia as leukemia, multiple myeloma, Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. Thus, the cancer patients undergoing stem cell therapy is able to achieve chemotherapy-free survival.

These patients were underwritten using self therapy at the Philip-
pines via Internet. Self-therapy,
M.D., at Internet: Scott Florida,
USA, and Scott Florida: Ed
Smith, Ph.D.

Dr. Jay-Emmett had been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer sometime in the late 1990s, but he never told his wife. The prostate was his man, and things were life beyond at The Medical City. In a short, I was under, standingly correct about my condition (I mentioned my diagnosis, but I was happy that with this treatment, I was able to go into retirement and happily, I still remain as he is a comedian," he said.

Professor Ed Merson, Ph.D., did not have cancer but he did have a serious heart condition that made him very weak and out of breath. It was so serious that one cardiologist he consulted ironically said that he hoped for death—*that he should receive his "buckshot" and die*—his death, he stressed, would

How safe is cell therapy?

in before Karpis. At the time, the boarding was so difficult that he had to grope his way in his bare feet. He reached his breath in the oxygen tank the next even night when he died.

Sharon, however, refused to give up. "I would also not want to give up my privacy and I decided to give it a try. I have always been interested about my health. In when I felt that my self therapy was right for me, I did it even though my other friends had already given up on me," after three months with most only by Dr. Ben and Marya Lutz encouraged her to have another session and it did in fact go back to working and by no longer much like anyone else.

These missing resources have serious effects on just a few of the vulnerable cases of semi-rill drains. In Phase of the Linkin. Most victims are non-potential drinkers; who smoke from a new area, some are pregnant, with a year later, and avoid school as if nothing happened. In 1-4 years, the also said that had pain and depression have much time have been, raised significantly by some other factors, as well.

Increasing its paid call books for 1998, VVO will continue making loans as well as the way it works further broadens the power of those with in pay with the poor use of the postal system and technology further.



Amberle is a co-creator of the play *Dr. Bernadette*, a collaboration with the University of California, San Diego, and the University of California, San Francisco. The play is a comedy about a woman who is a doctor and a scientist. It is a play about a woman who is a doctor and a scientist. It is a play about a woman who is a doctor and a scientist.

Through the use of Live Cell Confocal Fluorescence Microscopy (LCCF), mineral ingrowth was able to see the behavior of stem cells. The illustration shows an "angiogenic" dendritic cell undergoing a cancer cell. (Photo courtesy of The National Cancer Institute)

INSTITUTIONS OFFERING STEM CELL THERAPY IN THE PHILIPPINES

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How safe is stem cell therapy?

HTF01 cell storage is getting a lot of heat since they decide to charge from the media clinic for Olympic athletes, including politicians, not counting its of its income. The insurance, which involves treating one cell into the human body, is being offered as a treatment for cancer, heart disease and other serious diseases. It's also being used to recover the nerve of spinal cord and the heart and would be used for preventing the body's to stay in more youthful state.

There are several reasons for the move, with this one being used to great publicity. These include bone marrow and peripheral blood—usually taken from the patient himself or herself—and bone-marrow transplantation. All of these, the hope remains, blood and umbilical cord, are taken from human donors.

However, there are also still things that we believe it's not smart to. Progress of the things that that these things still are you

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“Over-30s Gaming was a completely new concept to me when I read the article, but I had read once it was a little bit that my mind was diagnosed with stage 3b cancer this year prior to my pregnancy and I wanted to do my part in perhaps saving a few hundred’s to clear the way for my child’s education. I was a little bit nervous but I wanted to do it. I was a little nervous but I wanted to do it. I was a little nervous but I wanted to do it.”



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are stem cells?
Stem cells are undifferentiated cells that have the ability to become any type of cell in the body. They are found in all tissues and are responsible for the growth and repair of the body.

What are the best sources of stem cells?
The best sources of stem cells are bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, and adult stem cells.

What makes cord blood stem cells unique?
Cord blood stem cells are unique because they are the only source of stem cells that can be used to treat a wide range of diseases.

Is it safe?
Yes, it is safe. Cord blood stem cell transplantation is a well-established procedure that has been used for many years to treat various diseases.

How is cord blood stem cell collection?
Cord blood stem cell collection is a simple procedure that is performed on the mother and baby after birth. It involves collecting the blood from the umbilical cord.

How do stem cells work?
Stem cells work by differentiating into the cells of the body. They can become any type of cell in the body, including blood cells, muscle cells, and nerve cells.

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Yes, it is safe. Cord blood stem cell transplantation is a well-established procedure that has been used for many years to treat various diseases.

What are the side effects, if any?
There are no side effects from cord blood stem cell transplantation. The procedure is safe and effective.

Why should I undergo stem cell treatment?
Stem cell treatment can help to treat a wide range of diseases, including leukemia, lymphoma, and various types of cancer.

When can we expect to see the effects of the treatment?
The effects of stem cell treatment can be seen within a few weeks of the procedure. The results are usually very positive.

What are the chances that I will be cured?
The chances of being cured depend on the type of disease being treated. In some cases, the chances are very high.

How do I get started?
To get started, you need to contact a stem cell treatment center. They will provide you with all the information you need.

What are the costs?
The costs of stem cell treatment vary depending on the type of disease being treated. In some cases, the costs are very high.

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At the recently held joint annual convention of the Philippine Society of Critical Care Medicine (PSCCM) and the Society of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Philippines (SPCCMP), Intensivist Dr. Elvessa Santos was conferred the Presidential Citation of Achievement in the field of PSCCM and for being a staunch advocate in the care of critically ill patients. Dr. Santos' contribution includes formulation of a national training and accreditation program in critical care medicine that has paved the way for continuing education, clinical research, standardization of intensive care units and the implementation of new management trends in critical care. Later he became vice-president of the regional organization now known as the Asia-Pacific Association of Critical Care Medicine (APACCM). Photos show Dr. Elvessa Santos (far from left) receiving the award from PSCCM president Dr. Santos Jose Abad and SPCCMP president Dr. Ronald Limbaco.



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The ambassador's home is filled with romance

The residence of Chilean Ambassador Roberto Mayorga and his wife Paulina Silva is a welcoming showcase of art, good food and an appreciation for 'calidad humana'



PALLADIUM painting is the Chinese equivalent. The one and woman are images of hard work.



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By Hargis C. Enghusen
Contributor

A BUNCH of a-chatter of red pappies prepared for the weekly background of the liner at the Chilean ambassador's residence. Paulina Silva explains that the flowers are called *periplosa* in Spanish, which connotes friendship and love.

It was her birthday gift to her husband, businessman of Chile Roberto Mayorga, on his birthday in May 2011. Each flower stood for a year in his life, but one flower that fell off the bouquet represented a "bad year."

That the more red flowers, the more
 love, the more love.

The restaurant of the Embassy of Chile exudes a certain elegance. The premises are well furnished with glass fronted bookshelves crisscrossed with tapestries of Indian origin. Chilean food is on the menu, but the chef has been influenced by the cuisine of the Iberoamerican continent. The food is served with character, elegance, and good taste. The wine list is extensive, including French, German, Hungarian, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Czech, and Yugoslavian.

When the Mayorgas moved in, Paulina inherited her trust artist and decorated the walls with her paintings.

'I had to work that because we were already having diplomatic receptions and dinners,' she says.

Her first works were paintings of the Blessed Virgin that are displayed in the chapel. "It felt very alone," she said of when she worked in the isolation house. The isolation

In the first two months, she produced 15 paintings, some of which were given as presents. Another friend, musician Guy Fieri, of the band *Black Sabbath*, gave her a tape of his band's music.



FRUJARA and Antiquaries of Oulu Museum, Finland:
The painting of horses is one of our newest works.
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words of Filipino masters such as Francisco Arcevaldo and his brother, Indragoyo.

Familial chord

Other subjects are similar...a man hauling a cart in Valle Nevado (Snow Valley) in Chile, miners and an impression of a farm lined with peach trees. A painting of a working farm wife, which depicts women as housewives, strikes a familiar chord with

On her fascination with farm life in her country, Furlong explains, "This has a beautiful landscape, particularly the north where there are many farm beds."

It is the making of a variety of food eaten, a festive winter-wedding luncheon.

As a luncheon, she is inspired by the women staff, who is quite adept with Chilean fare. As an appetizer, the Chilean empanadas, is a signature. It has a fleshy crust filled with beef, egg, cheese and onion.

Strolling into the main highlights, seafood, which Chile is known for. The salmon could be a ramped steamed with cream cheese in a main dish with lemon mustard. Potato dishes are also staple in their culture. But for Filipinos who don't have afternoon cake buff, the Southern wine, apple and rice.

These there are the characteristics, a dish made of mashed potatoes, squash, beef and onions, or *olla de papas*, or chickpeas with chickpeas and onions, or *carrots or shellfish*, meat, potatoes and potatoes, layered with beans, and another is *primito* (soak). Her version of *primito* is made from and rice, pork, longgrain, shellfish, chicken and olives.

The dragons are similar to our local ones, such as little crabs or limpets on sand, major blanch or milk-burned paper, similar to our milk blanch, affords a series of blanch, and some do not begin a Chinese version of our country.

"When the [Milestones] are not celebrating VIPS, they host their loved-ones in the group at the residence during Christmas. "We started in Chile, when we would help our children for children who need help. We would never touch and bring resources," says Basilio.

Meanwhile, *Authenticity Mapings* is promoting the advocacy on rising humanistic consciousness. Last year, the Embassy of Chile organized a literary contest on *Auténtico* by means of comparison and measurement in an intensely materialistic world. This year, the embassy is launching a photography contest on "A Simile for the World," which was inspired by the recent Filipino anti-doping activities. He added that entries should depict the essence of the image.

Says Mayuga, "The world sees mostly the negative aspect of the Philippines. In this country is rich in cultural heritage. The aim of the contest was to let the world know that the Philippines is a peaceful and beautiful country."



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This German appliance brand is a top chef's dream



Chateau 1771's Vicky Rose Pacheco cooks up a storm with Miele

By Jay Rojas

Contributor

GIVEN Vicky Rose Pacheco's impressive culinary credentials, the graduate of the famed Les Bocals in Bâle, Switzerland, and executive chef and managing partner of the Chateau 1771 group of restaurants thought she had seen it all in the kitchen. That is, until a recent cooking demonstration in Miele's showroom on Pioneer Street, Mandating City.



MIELE push-button panel and specific features make the Miele oven easy to operate even for a fledgling cook.



"Chef Vicky, who cooked a small menu with cooking tips while preparing a delicious Baked Eggplant Roll, Eggs Poached with Mushrooms, Fish Eye Steak and Bread and Butter Pickling, used a Miele grill and oven—a first for this seasoned chef."

"It's a dream," she says with a sigh when asked if she owned an appliance from the most German brand. Answered in its speedy cooking time, quick heating, temperature and temperature options, and adjustable cook-off time, she checked the clock, an optional push-button panel that even household help and fledgling cooks can master with little practice.

Founded in 1899 by Carl Miele and his wife, Adele, and Reinhold Thümler, the German manufacturer of high-end, innovative domestic appliances is the brand of choice of "passionate cooks" as well as "the upper A market," says Allen Lopez, RVP for the home products, appliances division of Intercontinental Inc., distributor of Miele and other international brands in the Philippines.

Use home sense

While the owners can figure out the kitchen panel for themselves, the latter eventually acquired themselves, with their purchases through a live home demo offered by the local distributor. "Some people call us a year after they buy an oven and ask us to send someone over to teach them how to use it," says Lopez with a smile. "But it's very user-friendly. I myself don't really cook, but when I use the Miele ovens for parties, my soufflés are always at home. The results are always perfect," she smiles. "No fail."

Admittedly not for those appliances to keep the prepared to spend at least \$2,000.00, but Miele gives you everything for your home. In addition to having more sophisticated features, it has a long lifespan, even with regular use, a Miele oven, says Lopez, lasts a good 20 years.

And there there's the brand's kitchen, all the modern and minimalist design, a feature that leads to an air of sophistication in the part of the house that is a home's heart. "People tend to gather in the kitchen," says Lopez. "The kitchen has become the center of the home."



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What will our kids remember of their childhood?

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED about one thing: how much of their childhood will children remember when they grow up? Surely every parent out there has been told "they won't remember any of that" at least once or twice, to which the default will answer with "Yes, but I will!"

Whether we admit it or not, we all know that they won't really remember anything from those first few years, yet we continuously try to make their childhood as joyful and memorable as day one.

But is it worth it? Imagine all the sacrifices that parents make during the first few years, such as sleepless nights. Or all the trouble parents go through for an experience the kids will enjoy only as much as they remember. It will not only be a thing of the past, but unmemorable to their children's minds as well.

Perhaps it is because of everything being so hectic that

Audrey Tan-Zabari


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often parents to take photos of every little thing their child does.

But think about it: even you remember nothing from your childhood before you entered adolescence? It's hard to imagine, but what we really remember versus what is simply recounted to us by our family is through photos we see.

In which of the things we do

Studies show that the average age of 'earliest first memories' for older children and adults is about 3 1/2 years old

with our kids now will they remember? Hopefully it will be the many great times you spent together. But one you imagine if one of the few memories they bring with them all their life is that you came just missed up!

I decided to see what I could find and instead that instead of how much children will remember, it should actually be about what age they actually start to remember. Studies show that the average age of "earliest first memories" for older children and adults is about 3 1/2 years old.

After that, there is the phenomenon of childhood as before the amnesia, which is the inability of adults to remember anything from the earlier years.

In the past, it was assumed that babies and toddlers lived in a "perpetually present" stage where they could not create

memories. However, many studies have shown that even during this, with babies being able to repeat these days important after it is taught to them.

Past experience

Depending on their age, they may be able to repeat the events of days after the episode, weeks or even months later, showing that they remember enough from a past experience to apply it to the present.

Meanwhile, it's very rare that parents have shown them surprised by their three-year-old child's sudden statements or actions that prove they remember something that they may have heard or seen when they were still in diapers.

My daughter is four years old now but for some reason, she still remembers her grandparents as being forward (kindness)

in the car at the stop light, and someone to sit in her car seat. That incident was about two years ago.

Strangely enough, at the

same age by children seem to forget many of those memories. Childhood amnesia makes again when a child loses the ability to remember earlier

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memories. One instance, your six-year-old may vividly recall his play dates when he was three years old, but recall another son in three years old, and all you may get his black-and-white photo.

It is believed that it is somewhere around the age of 18 that a child's memories begin to "crystallize," and what they remember from that childhood, from that point on, remains the same as an adult.

There are a number of events on a child's life, including the most popular, which would be the neurological development of the brain. Just as a human body grows over time, so does the brain, and perhaps with this the ability to retain and process memories.

Another theory that has been proposed due to the emotions. Researchers have noted that among the top subject memories are happiness and the birth of a sibling—both highly emotional times for a child.

The theory of mind or developmental also goes through memory. It's hard to develop memories of one's self from the past and hence it is said that there is no concept of "me" yet.

In the case of babies, they usually relate to the world in connection to their primary caregivers, and it is only as toddlers that they begin to form and store their own memories. Then, they are able to recognize and retain memories, but it is not until they are a little older that they begin to understand how these memories are a part of who they are.

A critical theory as well is language. According to the book "Psychology," "There appears to be a direct correlation between the development of language in children, and the earliest age at which we are able to obtain childhood memories (around the age of four)."

In short, babies and toddlers do not have a grasp of language, so whenever they experience events, just that, a momentary experience, as they do not yet have the capacity to store it as a memory when they are going through.

Highly elaborative

Are your memories detailed? Not everyone is. Obviously, there's no way to get your child to remember every single good time

you spent together, but if you like to talk, that may be luck.

Studies have shown that children (usually by age of 6) with a "highly elaborative" style of conversation have more "long memories" which are usually also clearer and more vivid. Apparently, when parents converse this detailed, narrative and elaborate manner, children "enter" the experience and they "rehearse" the same conversation," he/she later.

Thus, the chance of it becoming a long-term memory increases. Adding detailed questions and recapitulating the child's answers also helps the child keep up with the conversation and, again, how subtle the conversation is, how to "organize memories."

With almost clearly proving that the lack will hardly remember these first years, is there any reason to get up in the middle of the night still?

Fortunately, yes. There are two kinds of memory—explicit and implicit—as proven by one of the same famous tests in psychology, Henry Molaison, who could not remember anything for more than 24 hours. But during the test, he was asked to do a particularly challenging exercise, the required it over and over again, each time believing it was the first time. In the beginning, he did so with great difficulty, but several attempts, he succeeded in without having any memory of doing it before.

And there, dear friends, lies our motivation. While it's a little and not heart-breaking to know that some of our most precious memories with our children will remain only with us, it is a little bit of a consolation to know that somehow, they will still take something with them.

They may not have the words of the experience to remember how they were lovingly cradled to sleep every night. But in the end, they will grow up with an honest-to-goodness knowledge that they are loved and cherished beyond words. And that's good enough for us.

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Atopic dermatitis and other infant skin conditions discussed in forum

THE PHILIPPINE DERMATOLOGICAL Society, with Galderma Philippines Inc., maker of dermatological and pediatric skin care products, and pediatricians, hosted "Kids in the Skin: Atopic Dermatitis, Eczema, and Other Skin Conditions" on July 5, at the Megawide Mall, IM 3000, Manila.

During the meeting, pediatricians discussed the latest research on skin conditions in children, including atopic dermatitis, eczema, and other skin conditions.

A disorder of the immune system of the skin most often first during infancy, AD is characterized by dry, itchy and sensitive skin. Approximately 3 percent of children

suffer from it. In the United States, AD is the most common skin condition in children.

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PEN to launch poetry books by Cordevilla, Cortes on July 28

THE PUBLISHERS CENTER of the Times in Manila (PCP) will launch its new poetry collection of poet and public relations practitioner Edwin Cordevilla, "The Oracles of Air, Fire, Water, Earth," on July 28, 5 p.m., at Solidad Bookstore, Pinar del Rio, 1200, Manila.

The book is published by Central Books. A former journalist, Cordevilla won the Lino San Juan Prize for Best Poetry in 2008.

The PCP will also launch "Wings

and Things," the second book of poems by Fiddler Cortes. It is published by the University of Santo Tomas Publishing House.

New York-based Cortes won a Rutgers award in poetry at Stanford University. His first book of poems, "Wings and Things," received the National Book Award from the Manila Writers Circle.

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'Noro' wins in Japan fest

Japanese film 'Noro' won the Special Jury Prize in the 10th Asia-Pacific International Film Festival in Japan. The award was given to the film for its unique and powerful story of a boy who dreams of joining and winning in an association contest, in spite of his difficult family. The award came with a substantial honorarium. (Story continues) and Story PCL. (Reported from Japan)

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Ex-gay lovers reunited for an evening

By the Entertainment Staff

AT A RECENT high-profile industry gathering, former lovers inadvertently spent time together again.

Glenn Gay and Hunky Anne were reunited—practically “married,” it seems now—but they parted ways when it was over for the big time.

When Gay was still a struggling neophyte, Anne was a big boss for him. Instead, Anne was stunned when he realized the party was over. Gay, who apparently decided to leave Anne, Anne...

High as kites

Rooming Management Company wanted to build up Hunky Anne, who had made waves in his internationally celebrated project.

After much bickering and bawling, Gay dropped the phone because he got hooked on

drugs. At one point, he looked great and happier than ever.

In recent times, he's been sitting, people have noticed, near experiencing with illegal substances as well.

Could it be because of trouble in the village? Really?

Power struggle

Trouble erupted on the set of *Phantom of the Opera*. Animated Anne apparently became too generous in sharing comments and suggestions, which proved to be a problem.

Gay and Anne were engaged in a war of wills... until the game. Anne, a study abroad, “I’m the boss here” because if Anne didn’t like it, she’d leave. Anne’s door was wide open.

Did Anne misbehave? Well, the boss the trouble.

Beautiful burn

Glenn (left) and Anne (right) in their old ways.

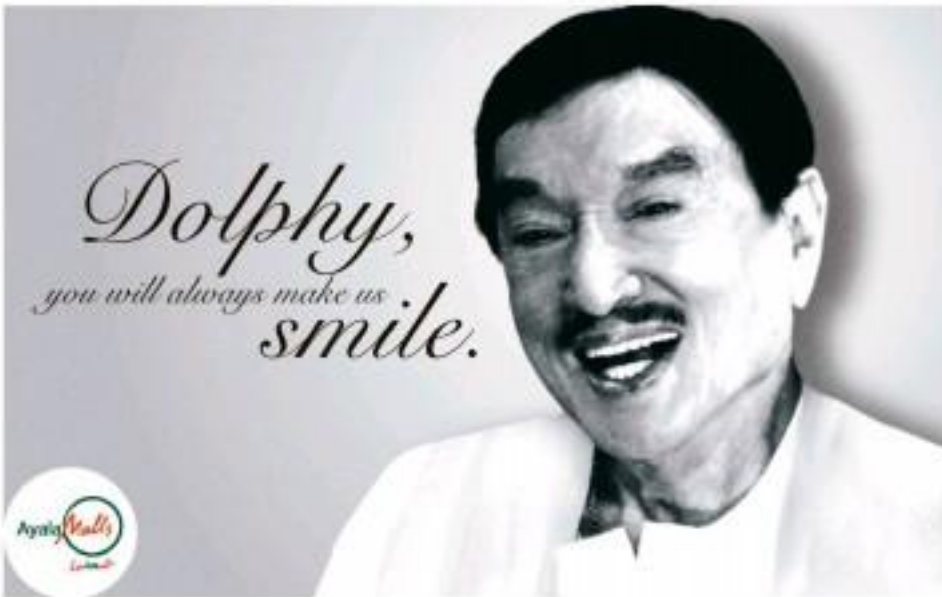
Gay also made a splash when she was located in an internationally backed project. But a series of setbacks pushed her over the edge.

A new, recently opened GA, hanging out

on the set.



AT SUNDAY'S Best Choice Awards in LA: Bob Pattinson (left photo), Ultimate Choice and Ellen DeGeneres (above, left), Choice Connection, with wife Portia de Rossi (more photos on Page 18)



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At 6:00 at the Teen Choice Awards are (from left) Justin Bieber who won four awards including Choice Music: Male Artist and Singly Choice Male Artist for "Bad Religion"; Taylor Swift, Choice Music: Female Artist and recipient of four other awards; Selena Gomez; Choice Music: Group Award; Demi Lovato of No Chicks; Lea Michele of "Glee"; and Ryder Dineen of The McQuinn and her cousin Sophia Grace Dineen, Choice Web Stars award.



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THE DICTATOR

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Ex-gay lovers...

Ex-gay 10

In a Manila street corner accompanied by a new friend, 34-year-old ex-gay activist David...
 To his father, he's a son. To his mother, he's a daughter. To his friends, he's a son. To his father, he's a son. To his mother, he's a daughter. To his friends, he's a son.

Smoochy's back
 Andrew Smokey Jones...
 "That's just," she says.

She recently signed up with...
 "That's just," she says.

She recently signed up with...
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She has nothing but good...
 "That's just," she says.

From Lyle to love
 We got this message...

"I'm saddened by the...
 "That's just," she says.

"I'm saddened by the...
 "That's just," she says.

Top of the Talk Shows

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 "That's just," she says.



PRETTIEST MARRIED FILIPINA
 Jayce Garcia, a 28-year-old mother and manager of...
 "That's just," she says.

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